The impact of BPL will be devastating to Amatuer communications. The current models indicate that it will eliminate the HF bands for use. The amatuer operation in these bands is a valuable resource for emergency communications. September 11 made it all the more clear the value that such a resource can provide.

The impact of BPL will make the protests caused by cell tower placement look trivial. With every unshielded power line becoming an antenna the outcry will be tremendous.

To create hundreds of miles of radiating wires without any shielding would be illegal for an ordinary citizen, given the interference it will create. Why is it now legal for power companies to do so ?

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